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Hague, January 20.

'THE Renewing of the Treaty with 'the King of Pruſſia for continuing 'in Italy his 8000 Men, that are in 'the Pay of Great Britain and Hol-'land, proves a difficult Point, for 'two Reaſons eſpecially; one is, the Trouble and 'Charge of recruiting that Body of Men, which 'has wanted almoſt half its Number in Recruits 'every Year, and without recruiting them his 'Pruſſian *Majeſty* cannot expect their full Pay from 'the 2 Maritime Potentates: The other is, that he 'requires the States, previous to the renewing that 'Treaty, to withdraw their Troops garriſon'd in 'Meurs. The States excuſe themſelves, upon their 'general Reaſon of holding the Balance ſteady be-'tween the two contending Parties for the Inheri-'tance of the late King William, till the Diſputes 'between them are determin'd either judicially or 'by an Agreement: The Subſtance of the King of 'Pruſſia's Arguments why their High Mightineſſes 'ſhould comply with his ſaid Requeſt, are in Sub-'ſtance as follows.

'ALL thoſe who are ever ſo little acquainted 'with the common-Law of the Empire, and 'the Manner of its judicial proceedings know, that 'the Perſon who firſt takes Poſſeſſion in a legal Way, 'is maintain'd in that *Poſſeſſion* till the Cauſe comes 'to be judg'd.

'Tis inconteſtable, that after the Death of a 'Poſſeſſor, eſpecially without Iſſue, the Poſſeſſion 'becomes vacant; nor can the Rule *le Mort ſaiſit le Vif*, or any other imaginary Continuation, have 'Place, to the Advantage of the Heir, in the Caſe 'in Queſtion.

'Upon the Death of the late King of England, 'the Poſſeſſion of the County of Meurs certainly 'became vacant; and no Lawyer whatſoever, can 'according to the common-Law affirm the con-'trary.

'The King of Pruſſia took Poſſeſſion of it im-'mediately on the Deceaſe of that King, in a le-'gal Method, and without any Violence, by his 'Commiſſioner in Preſence of a Notary and Witneſ-'ſes; and in the Sight of all the Officers and Sub-'jects, and even of the Garriſon of the States, 'without any Oppoſition.

'In Conſequence of this Poſſeſſion legally taken, 'the King fearing to be diſturb'd made Application 'to the Imperial Chamber, as to the competent 'Judges in this Caſe, producing to them the Act 'or Inſtrument of his taking Poſſeſſion, and requi-'ring *their Writ for keeping Poſſeſſion.* But the Im-'perial Chamber being at that time not thoroughly 'inform'd of all the Circumſtances of the Affair, 'would not grant ſuch a Writ, and only iſſu'd on 'the 4th of April 1702 *a decretory Citation to the 'Parties to ſee the Poſſeſſion if legally acquir'd, con-'firm'd*; in which it was expreſs'd, that ſuch *Con-'firmation* (or *Maintaining* in *Poſſeſſion*) ſhould be '*proviſional, till the contending Parties were both heard.*

'That Citation was ſolemnly affix'd, ſo that nei-'ther the Princeſs of Naſſau Diez, nor the Prince of 'Naſſau Sarbruch, nor any other could be ignorant 'of it: But inſtead of addreſſing themſelves there-'upon to the Imperial Chamber, and leaving, as 'Juſtice requir'd, things to ſtand as they were, they 'endeavour'd to take *actual Poſſeſſion.*

'Whereupon the King of Pruſſia was oblig'd to 'make new application to the Imperial Chamber, 'to complain of thoſe Attempts, to juſtify his Poſ-'ſeſſion, and to demand *a Writ for keeping Poſſeſſion* 'without *Reſtriction.*

'And this his Majeſty obtain'd the 8th of May: 'In it the Imperial Chamber declar'd, that they 'had granted it *upon due Cognizance of the Cauſe, as 'well with Reſpect had to the Parties, as to the Di-'rectors of the Circle of Weſtphalia.*

'After which the King finding himſelf diſturb'd 'in his Poſſeſſion, as well by the Princeſs of Naſſau 'as by the Garriſon, was oblig'd to apply once 'more to the Imperial Chamber: Who on the '14th of Nov. 1702, iſſu'd *another Writ confirm-'ing the Poſſeſſion lawfully taken of the County of 'Meurs, without Reſtriction.*

'Hereupon the Directors of the foreſaid Circle, 'by Virtue of their Office, gave Orders for putting 'that Writ in Execution, and at the ſame Time re-'quir'd their High Mightineſſes to withdraw their 'Troops out of Meurs.

'After all this, 'tis hop'd the leaſt Doubt cannot 'be made, that the King of Pruſſia is confirm'd and 'maintaind without *Reſtriction*, that is to ſay *pure-'ly and abſolutely*, in the Poſſeſſion of the County of 'Meurs, by the only competent Judges.

'It might be ſhewn that he is ſo with Juſtice. 'But 'tis not the Queſtion here, nor is this a proper 'Place to reſolve it: For that is to be try'd in the 'Empire, their High Mightineſſes having declar'd 'that they will not interpoſe in Judicature, but 'leave it to the competent Judges.

'The Agents of the Princeſs of Naſſau do them-'ſelves acknowledge the Exiſtence and Force of 'the ſaid Writ; ſeeing they find themſelves reduc'd 'at length to apply to the Imperial Chamber. They 'have appear'd there, and given in an ample Plea 'of Exceptions, in which after enumerating many 'Facts, part of them falſe, part impertinent, they 'conclude by demanding that the Prince of Naſſau 'may in this Part of the Inheritance of the deceas'd 'King, that is to ſay the County of Meurs, be ta-'ken to have the Poſſeſſion and maintain'd therein; 'and that the Writs *ſurreptitiouſly* obtain'd may be 'annull'd and repeal'd.

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'Whence it follows, 1. that his Highneſs of Naſſau bringing his Action and demanding to be admitted for the Poſſeſſor, does juridically acknowledge the Poſſeſſion taken by the adverſe Party.

'2. That demanding the Writs obtain'd by the King of Pruſſia may be annull'd, he acknowledges thoſe Writs to exiſt and be in Force; becauſe otherwiſe ſuch a Demand would be improper and ſuperfluous.

''Tis true the Agents of the Princeſs of Naſſau have deny'd that thoſe Writs have any Virtue, reporting every where that the Poſſeſſion was taken violently, the Writs obtain'd ſurreptitiouſly, and the Execution of them order'd by the Directors of the Circle of Weſtphalia unjuſtly. But beſides that thoſe Allegations are abſolutely falſe, *as well in Fact as in Law*, 'tis evident that the Cognizance and Redreſs of the pretended Injuſtice belong to no other than the competent Judges, to whom even they themſelves have actually ſubmitted it: And the Office of an Executor [*the States-General are Executors of King William's Will*] conſiſts only in ſuffering the *Law to take its free Courſe*, and in all Caſes to aſſiſt the Party that is in legal Poſſeſſion, till the competent Judges have decided otherwiſe.

Falmouth, Jan. 12. Yeſterday was brought in here by 2 Dutch Privateers, a French Privateer of St. Malo of 30 Guns and 180 Men.

Plymouth, Jan. 13. Yeſterday ſail'd a Dutch Privateer to cruiſe: To Day came in her Majeſty's Ships Aſſurance, Tilbury, Dartmouth, Dover and Alborough from Spithead.

Portſmouth, Jan. 13. This Evening came to Spithead from the Downes her Majeſty's Ships the Ranelaugh, Le Firme, Eſſex, Goſport, and one Man of War more; with about 30 Sail of Merchant-Ships and Coaſters.

Yarmouth, Jan. 14. Here are her Majeſty's Ships the Lynn, Mermaid, and Flamborough, waiting to be joyn'd by others, and then to ſail to Maſterland to reinforce the Convoy coming with the Eaſt-Country Fleet.

By her Majeſty's Company of Comedians.

AT the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, this preſent Saturday, being the 17th of January, will be preſented a Play call'd, The Maids Tragedy. All the parts being perform'd to the beſt Advantage.

At the Deſire of ſeveral Perſons of Quality.

AT the Queen's Theatre in the Hay-Market, his preſent Saturday, being the 17th of January, will be preſented an Opera call'd, Thomyris Queen of Scythya; or, The Royal Amazon.

This Play is Sold by J. Knapton at the Crown in St. Paul's Church-yard, and B. Lintott next Nando's Coffee-Houſe, Temple-Bar.

Left in a Coach, betwixt the 7 Stars on Ludgate-Hill and the Golden Perriwig at Charing-Croſs, between the Hours of 6 and 7 laſt Wedneſday Evening, a Scarlet Cloak. Whoever brings it to Will's Coffee-houſe, or Mr. Andrew Bell's, Bookſeller, both in Cornhill, ſhall have a Guinea Reward.

Whereas the Conſumption of true French Brandy is of late ſo much increas'd that the ſort which Major Thomas Bird has hitherto ſold for 8 s. 6 d. a Gallon, is now ſold by publick Sale at 8 s. 8 d. and 8 s. 10 d. a Gallon by the Piece; the Major is therefore oblig'd to give notice, that after Thurſday the 22d Inſtant, he will raiſe the Price of his Brandy to 9 s. the Gallon; and that he will always ſell it neat and full proof at a Market Price, whereof he will from time to time advertiſe the publick. He ſells the beſt old Cogniac at 10 s. per Gallon, at his Warehouſe in Pudding-Lane near the Mounment.

In a Vault next Door to Greſham-College, is to be Sold very good and neat Red Florence Wine, in ſmall Quantities, at 4 s. per Gallon; by Hogſhead, being about 63 Gallons, at 10 l. per Hogſhead; by the Pipe, being about 126 Gallons, at 20 l. Attendance is given from 9 in the Morning till 6 at Night.

Such as deſire to learn or recover the Latin or French Tongue, may be taught in a very ſhort time, by an eaſy Method, particularly adapted for Perſons arriv'd to years of Maturity, without burthening the Memory, or neglecting of buſineſs. Inquire of Mr. Hayes, at the Nags-head in St. Swithins-Alley near the Royal Exchange.

At Grigsby's Coffee-Houſe on the Back-ſide of the Royal Exchange, on Monday next, (the 19th Inſtant) at 5 in the Evening, will begin the Sale by Auction of a Catalogue of valuable Greek, Latin, French, Engliſh, &c. Books, conſiſting moſtly of Divinity and Phyſick: As alſo a Collection of curious Paintings, Indian Pictures, Maps and Prints, done after the beſt Maſters, viz. Raphael Urbin, Pouſſin, le Brun, Rubens, Lancfranc, &c. By Tho. Ballard. Catalogues may be had at Mr. Parker's under the Exchange, Mr. Lawrence's in the Poultrey, Mr. Knapton's in St. Paul's Church-yard, Mr. Brown's without Temple-Bar, Bookſellers, at Hamlin's and Amſterdam Coffee-Houſes, and at the Place of Sale.

On Monday the 19th of January, 1707 8, at Tarrant's Coffee-houſe within Aldgate near the Pump, will begin the Sale by Auction of a Catalogue of extraordinary Engliſh Books in moſt Faculties and Sciences, and gilt on the Back, at 5 in the Evening, continuing daily till all be Sold. By Robert Terry Bookſeller. Catalogues may be had gratis of Mr. Davis in Red-Lyon-ſtreet in White-Chappel, Mr. Hyllier over-againſt St. Mary-Axe Church in Leaden-Hall-ſtreet, Mr. Harriſon at the Weſt-end of the Royal Exchange, Mr. Baker at Mercer's-Chappel, Mr. Archer in Henrietta-ſtreet near Covent-Garden, Bookſellers, and at the Place of Sale. The Books may be ſeen this day.

FOR SALE BY THE CANDLE.

On Wedneſday the 21ſt of January, 1707-8, at 2 a Clock in the Afternoon, at the Marine Coffee-houſe in Birchin-Lane in Cornhill, the late Goods of Mr. Roger Burroughs, Linnen-Draper, conſiſting of Linnen-Drapery, China-Ware, Lacquer'd-Ware, and Indian Pictures. Which Goods are to be ſeen at the 3 Crowns near Eaſtcheap in Grace-Church-ſtreet. To be ſold by Sam. Proctor, Broker.

This Day is Publiſh'd,

The Hiſtory of the Siege of Toulon, with an Account of the Political Reaſons that mov'd the Confederates to undertake it, and of all that happen'd from the Duke of Savoy's entring Provence to the Day that he march'd out of it. With a Liſt of the Marine Officers of the Port of Toulon and their particular Stations during the Siege, and a further Account of the Death of ſome of the moſt Eminent Perſons kill'd there. To which there is prefix'd, A new Plan of the Town, Harbour, Fortifications, French and Confederate Camps, Batteries and Adjacent Mountains. Done from the French Copy printed at Paris, and Dedicated to the French King. Price bound 2 s. Sold by B. Bragge at the Raven in Pater-Noſter-Row.

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